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St. Louis, Mo., May 10, 1900.

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New York, July 12.-The new express steamer Deutschland of the Hamburg-American line arrived to-day from Hamburg.Cherbourg and Plymouth, in the record burg. Cherbours and Plymouth, in the record time from the latter port of five days, fifteen hours and forty-six minutes, a distance of 2.04 knots at an average of 2.242 knots per hour. This distance is six knots shorter than the distance made by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse in November, 1859, when she made her best record of five days, seventeen hours and thirty-seven minutes at an average speed of 2.12. This is the fastest initial trip made across the Atlantic. The first trip by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was made in five days, twenty-two hours and thirty-five minutes over a distance of 3.050 knots.

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FAYERWEATHER WILL CASE.

Court's Decision Against Emma Fayerweather and Mary Achter.

New York, July 12.-A decision in the Fayerweather will case was handed down by Judge Lacombe in the United States Circuit Court to-day. The court holds for the several beneficiaries and dismisses the amended eral beneficiaries and dismisses the amended bills of complaint and cross-bills of Emma 8. Fayerweather and Mary W. Achter, the complainants. The beneficiaries by the decision number nineteen, and include Yale University, \$30,000; Cornell University, \$30. 000; Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and Marietta College, Marietta, O., \$50,000 each.

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Street Car Passengers Injured. Indianapolis, Ind., July 12—A collision between a Blake street car and eight freight cars attached to a Big Four engine at a street crossing near Military Park to-day restreet crossing near Military raise veral pas-sulted in the serious injury of several pas-sengers. The injured are: J. B. Matthews, materia. The injured are: J. B. Matthews, materian; Mrs. Anna Drausfield; Miss Grovie Suylock; Miss Dalsy Buylock; F. O. Maley; Mrs. Dora Dugan. All will re-

VIA BURLINGTON ROUTE. July 15, 16 and 17. One fare plus \$2.00. Tick-et Office, s. w. cor. Broadway and Olive. House Dynamited.

Williamsburg, O., July 12.—Unknown persons placed dynamite under one corner of the residence of Henry Wilson, just west of here, early this morning. The room above was wrecked by the explosten and William Wilson, a 16-year-old boy, killed. Mies Kate Tucker was severely injured. The other occupants of the house escaped injury.

"I was weak and weary but Hood's Sur-aparilla has made me strong and hearty." Rare Coins Stelen.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 12.—Officials of the Milwaukee Public Museum report the robbery at that institution of a large collection of rare coins, estimated in value at between \$5,000 and \$10,000. There is no clue.

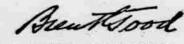
To Boston by beat or rail, take the Big Four Route.

Commercial Treaty Approved. Rome, July 12.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day approved the commercial treaty be-tween the United States and Italy.

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REPORTED DROWNED IN MERAMEC RIVER,

Alexander Cochran, the Ex-Jockey, Said to Have Perished While Bathing Near Drake, Mo.

NEWS DOUBTED BY HIS WIFE

Companions Heard His Cries, but as He Was an Expert Swimmer Thought He Was Joking-Body Not Found.

Captain William P. Schaaf received word yesterday that Alexander Cochran of No. 1517 Washington avenue, who for several years was well known to followers of the turf as Earl Cochran, the jockey, had been frowned in the Meramec River, near Drake, Ma., on Wednesday evening. According to the report Cochran perished while within reach of five companions, with whom he was bathing.

Cochran's girl wife, to whom he has been married but one year, will not believe that her husband is drowned. She thinks that he was carried away by the current and landed somewhere down stream. They have one infant son, Rolland. Cochran's mether. who is a widow, Mrs. Alexander Cochran, lives at No. 1416 Washington avenue. Cochran recently quit the turf, and on last Saturday went to work for Captain

Schaaf at Fern Glen, Mo., which is twentyone miles west on the Missouri Pacific Rallvay. When he departed on Saturday be told his wife that he would return on Wednesday or Thursday for a short visit. But as he could not come on Wednesday evening, he decided to go bathing with five fellow-employes in the river near Drake, Cochran was the best swimmer, and when he separated himself from the others in the party and disappeared, they thought that he was joking. When he did not re-turn for several hours they reported Coch-

instantly had the river dragged for miles around, without any result. The searchers worked all night, but could find no trace of the missing man.
Cochran, who was 24 years old, had been
a jockey for five years, and last rode for
a man named Cochran. His wife, whom he married a year ago, is 18 years old. She was Miss Angeline Wolters of Marissa.; Ill. Her parents still live there. Cochran's ather was a florist. He has two brothers and three married sisters. They all live in

ran's disappearance to Captain Schaaf. He

St. Louis. MISSOURI'S POULTRY OUTPUT.

Immense Increase in Production-Comparative Statistics.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, July 12.-The summary of Missouri's productions for 1839, prepared by the State Labor Eureau and published in the daily newspapers a few days ago, pre-sents some interesting facts when closely analyzed, not the least of which are the unparalicled achievements of Queen Chicka-biddy—familiarly known as the Missouri-hen. As a wealth-producer she is a world-beater. The total number of pounds of poul-try, live and dressed, shipped from Mis-souri's lit counties in 1859, as reported from the rathroad and express companies, were 165,885,710, an increase of 25,957,443 pounds over the preceding year. The total num-her of dozens of eggs shipped last year were 51,555,950, and the aggregate value to the producers of poultry and eggs was \$12,-621,685,54.

The relative importance of the poultry the daily newspapers a few days ago, pre-

celloss. A the relative importance of the poultry industry in this State, as compared with other industries, will be better understood when it is shown that the total value of all of the wheat, corn, oats, flax, timothy seed, clover seed, millet seed, cane seed, castor beans, cotton, cotton seed, tobacco, broom corn, any and straw which were shipped by all of the counties in the State last year did not equal the value of the poultry and eggs shipped during the same time by over \$1.000.

shapped during the same time by over \$17,000.

Another comparison: Aggregate the value of all of the horses, mules, shaep, oats, rye, grass seed, cane seed, castor beans, cotton, cotton seed, tobacco, hay and straw shipped last year and the hen will beat the combination over \$6,000.

Take the value of all of the mill productsfour, cornmeal and millfeed—all of the fruits and vogetables, all of the butter, cheese, milk, game and fish, furs, feathers, molasses, honey, beeswax, wine, older, vinegar, nursery stock, nuts, roots, ice, tar, jurk, linseed oil, oil and cottonseed meal and cob pipes shipped in 1899, and by comparison Queen Chickabiddy will distance the aggregation and have a \$20,00 bank account to her credit.

If the present rate of increase continues for ten years at the end of that time the poulity industry will rival the total output of all our mines.

The Two Eyes Look Just Alike. But they don't always see alike. Dr. Bond expert optician at Mermod & Jaccard's Broadway and Locust, will examine your eyes free of charge, and fit them separately and accurately with glasses. Steel frames, \$1 and up; gold, \$5 and up.

TO RAISE THE BREMEN.

It Is Feared, However, That the Main Is Lost.

New York, July 12.-Christian Leist, managing director of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, who arrived here last night from Bremen, inspected the company's wrecked vessels to-day. He said it was not the intention of the company to permanently dock its steamers on this side of the fiver, the chief reason for this being that this company owned over \$1,00,000 of real estate, embracing 300 feet of river front, at Hoboken, He had, however, decided to accept an offer made by cable to-day from London by the Cunard Company to lease Pler 14, North River, for a year,

Mr. Leist said it could not cost more than \$250,000 to repair and refit the Bremen for sea, as most of the damage is above deck and meet of the engines are in excellent condition. night from Bremen, inspected the compa condition.

The Bremen will be floated on Saturday.

Little or no hope is entertained of saving
the Main. It is thought that there are a number of dead bodies in the Bremen and Main.

GAYNOR HEARING.

Proceedings Likely to Last Three Weeks.

New York, July 12.-Hearing in the proreedings to obtain the removal of J. F. Gayner, W. T. Gayner, E. H. Gayner and Benjamin D. Greene, accused of conspiring to defraud the United States Government to the jurisdiction of the Georgia courts. was resurced to-day before Commissioner Shields. Mr. Erwin said that under Judge Brown's ruling he should proceed with the presentation of original evidence, and it probably will take three weeks to finish the case.

Case.

J. W. O. Sterley, chief clerk under Captain Carter, testified to the correctness of the list of proposals, the list of contracts awarded and the list of guarantors and bondsmen to the original proposals.

Books were next introduced to show that the Atlantic Construction Company was kept posted in every application for specifications made to Captain Carter's office.

RAIN IN INDIA.

Welcom News Is Received From Viceroy Curzon.

London, July 12.-Lord Curson of Kedles ton, Viceroy of India, has cabled to the Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, that an excellent rain has faller in the northwestern provinces, and in parts of Central India, and that useful showers have occurred in Rajpootana and Deccan. "HUMPHREY CORNER."

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Children's Department.

Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 Washable Suits 950 Regular \$1.75 and \$2 Washable Suits \$1.25 Regular \$2 and \$2.59 Washable Suits \$1.50 Regular \$3 Washable Suits\$2.25 All of our \$4.50, \$5 and \$6 Washable Suits \$3.50 All of our \$8.50, \$10 and \$12 Blouse and Vestee Suits, sizes 3 to 10 All of our \$5 and \$6 Blouse and Vestee Suits, sizes 3 to 10 Fine line of Boys' Two-Piece Suits, sizes 7 to 16 years, value \$5 Boys' Two-Piece Suits. sizes 7 to 16 years, value \$4

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GLADYS ZIMMER'S MYSTERIOUS ABSENCE

Circumstances Seem to Indicate That the Little Girl Was Kidnaped.

DISAPPEARED LAST FRIDAY.

Left Her Foster Mother at the Station, Saying She Was Going to Get a Drink.

NOT A TRACE OF HER FOUND.

Diligent Search Fails to Reveal the Slighest Clew to Her Whereabouts.

Absolutely no trace has been discovered of Gladys Zimmer, the 10-year-old girl who disappeared from Union Station last Friday evening. Her continued absence seems to indicate that she has been kkinaped and is being concealed somewhere. It is believed that if some accident had happened to the child the police would have learned

of it. It is not considered likely that Gladys went to the home of any acquaintance after leaving the station, as she knew but few persons in this city and the homes of all have been visited by Mrs. Zimmer without the discovery of the slightest trace of the child. It is more probable that she left the station in a spirit of chilish obstinacy to escape going to Petersburg, Ill., where her foster mether lives, and, once on the streets, was ; ked up by some one who is

holding her in confinement. The appearance of the girl and the man ier in which she was dressed when she disappeared might easily lead some kidnaper to suppose that she was the daughter of well-to-do parents, who would be willing to offer a large reward for the return of the child. Mrs. Zimmer has offered a reward, but has not specified the amount, so this loes not upset the kidnaping theory.

That the girl left the station on her own occount seems certain, as she waited until short time before the departure of the train to go for a drink, although Mrs. Zimmer had urged her to get a drink some littie time before, when they were passing a water cooler. The fact that the child was obstinate at times, and that she had seemed unwilling to go to a strange town, bears out the idea that she left her foster mother in order to anney her, thinking that thereby she might escape leaving the city. Just before the child left her Mrs. Zimmer

was seated on a bench in the main waitingwas seated on a bench in the main wantingroom near the entrance to the matron's
room. When Gladys announced that she
was going to get a drink. Mrs. Zimmer
paid little attention to the direction in
which the child went, but it is thought that to the right, walked to the waiting-room on the second floor, thence intending to go to the ladies' waiting-room. The only means of exit from this floor is by walking out onto the porch of the station and thence descending the flight of steps into Market

street.

If the child were free at this time she certainly would have strayed around to the home of some friend, it is thought, or home of some friend, it is thought, or would have wandered back to Union Station. Even if she had become lost she would have been heard of before this through police reports. She had no friend who would conceal her, so far as is known, and there would he no motive in such an action. It was thought at first that she might have eluded the gatekeeper by some means and boarded the wrong train, but she would have been heard of before this had such a thing happened.

A dispatch last night from Petersburg, where Mrs. Zimmer is at present, states that no tidings have been received of the child from any one in St. Louis. The dispatch adds that at the time of her disappearance the girl had her hair brushed back from her forehead and braided in the back.

back from her forehead and branied in the back. Gladys was large for her age. She was dressed, when last seen, in a black skirt trimmed with velvet, brown linen shirt, waist trimmed with white braid and had black shoes and stockinga. She wore a black leghorn hat trimmed with pink mail and roses. She has rather a vivacious ex-pression when talking, and is said by all who knew her to be bright for her age. She has a rather long face, black hair and eyes, which are almost black.

MARRIAGE STOPS PROSECUTION



GLADYS ZIMMER.

lice Court yesterday morning upon the ex-

lice Court yesterday morning upon the exhibition of a marriage certificate. Bertram and Miss Duvail were engaged to be married before the prosecution was instituted by the police, but the incident undoubtedly hastened the nuptials.

Bertram came to St. Louis two menths ago from Detroit. Mich., to go to work for the St. Louis Transit Company as a conductor. He met George Duvail, a motorman on the Mound City line, and went to board at his home. He fell in love with Hattie, the li-year-old daughter of Duvail, and in a short time they were engaged to be married. The family learned of the cargagement, but, as they looked upon Bertram with favor, no objection was interposed.

Bertram with favor, no objection was interposed.

On last Friday night Bertram took Hattle
to a river excursion. On their return they
intended to take a Mound City car home,
but got on a Cherokee car by mistake.
When they learned their error they got off
at Ninth and Pine streets. While they
were waiting for the car Hattle became ill.
He carried her to a hotel near by and summoned a cab to take her home, but two
policemen arrested Bertram und locked him
up at the Four Courts. Miss Duvall was
sent home in the cab. After Bertram had
been in custody for nearly sixty hours, a
charge of disturbing the peace was placed
against him. Miss Duvall was cited as
the prosecuting witness, but when the case
was called Tuesday moraling she failed to
appens, leaving only the two policemen to
prosecute.

An older sister was present to testify in Bertram's behalf. A continuance was taken on the part of the city until yesterday morning in order that Miss Duvall might be brought into court.

When the case was called the couple walked forward and inid a marriage certificate on City Attorney Tnylor's desk, showing that they had been married. On Wednesday afternoon they went to Clayton, where they obtained a license and were married by a Justice of the Pence.

This Week's Offers of Stationery. 169 Calling Cards and plate, only \$1. 100 Calling Cards from plate, only 75c. 100 sheets Imperial Writing Paper and 50 Envelopes, choice of three tints, with twoletter monogram, for \$1. MERMOD & JACCARD'S, BROADWAY

QUARANTINE HOSPITAL CLOSED. James Holden, Last Patient, Dis charged on Wednesday.

The Quarantine Hospital for the cure of smalipox and other infectious diseases has been closed for the summer, all the patients having been discharged as cured. It s the first time that the institution has been without a patient since November 16

John H. Bertram Is Discharged by
Judge Sidener.

John H. Bertram. charged with disturbing the peace of Miss Hattle Duvall of No. 2009
Sullivan avenue, was discharged in the Po-

CITY HALL NOTES.

The Board of Charity Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting yesterday aft-ernoon. Nothing except routine business came before the board for attention and the meeting was a very brief one.

Max Schulz again appeared before the special Council committee, appointed to investigate the affairs of the Supply Commissioner's office. Several other witnesses were examined. The session was a lengthy one.

The Board of Health held a meeting yes-terday afternoon and transacted routine business. The condemnation of several private wells on account of the water be-ing unfit to drink brought forth a storm of protests from the persons interested.

Both houses of the Municipal Assembly will meet this ovening. The Council is expected to get into the real work of the appropriation bill at this meeting and devise some way by which the funds needed for parks and streets may be appropriated. In the House the Union Market bill may come up for final passage, it having been in the hands of the committee for several weeks. Water Commissioner Flad, who is now in

Water Commissioner Flad, who is now in Surope, is not expected to return before the middle of next month, he having been granted a twenty days' extension of his eave of absence. It is expected that when dr. Flad returns he will have some valua-ile data bearing upon the questions of ligation and clarification of the water sup-ity of the city.

GETTING AFTER DOG OWNERS. Kirkwood's Collector Threatens to Sue Them.

Dogs still disturb the screnity of Kirkwod. More than 200 have not been licensed and consequently Kirkwood is short more than \$60 in revenue. Some time ago the Collector gave it is his ultimatum that dog Collector gave it is his ultimatum that dog licenses had to be paid by July 10 or steps would be taken to secure them by law. This brought a few delinquent dog owners to time, but many paid no attention to it. Yesterday Collector Dohr said that either to-morrow or Monday he would bring sait against a portion of the delinquents, hoping that drastic measures in a few cases would have good effect on others. The costs of a suit and the lincense combined will make a dog in Kirkwood an expensive luxury. iog in Kirkwood an expensive luxury.

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Structural Steel Price.

New York, July 12.—The price of structural steel will remain at its present fisure, about \$3 a ton. This was decided upon at a meeting just held in this city by members of the Structural Association. The price of structural steel has been both advanced and reduced during the last year, and there has been a net decrease of \$3 per ton.

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500 pairs Men's Sample Shoes, black, tan and oxbloodgood, clean, honest goods, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 at.....

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Few more small size Oxfords......25c Ladies' Sample Boots, tan and black, lace and button, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50, only...\$1.98 ples, \$3.75, \$4.00 and \$5.00, for..... Ladies' Fine Boots, best grade of sam-

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PERMANENT HOME FOR THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

WILL OCCUPY COMMODIOUS QUARTERS.

Negotiations Completed for the Lease of the New Stifel Building on Fourth Street. At a meeting of the Board of Directors

of the St. Louis Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon arrangements were made for a permanent home for the exchange in a new building, which will be called the Stock Exchange building, and which will be one of the most imposing structures in the eastern part of the city. The building is in course of erection by

the Stifel estate on the east side of Fourth street, between Olive and Locust streets The top floor will be fitted up exclusively for the use of the Stock Exchange. All the furniture and fittings will be of the latest and most approved patterns, and

the new quarters of the Stock Exchange will be among the finest in the West. Contracts were signed yesterday, and the exchange expects to be in its new hom by November 1.

A movement was on foot to have the Stock Exchange erect its own building, but the inducements offered by the Stifel estate were so favorable that the original idea was abandoned, and by a unanimous vote the Board of Directors decided to accept the offer of the Stifel estate. The St. Louis Stock Exchange was or

ganized only a little over a year ago, but has been remarkably successful from the start, and is now one of the most prosperous institutions of the kind in the country. It first occupied quarters in the old Bank of the Republic building, which was renamed the St. Louis Stock Exchange, at the expiration of the lease on that building a short time aso temporary quarters were secured in the Continental Bank building.

The officers of the exchange are: Max

Kotany, president; J. H. Dieckman, vice president; B. C. Jinkins, treasurer; Charles R. Drummond, secretary; E. W. Rawlings, H. B. Collins, J. W. Donaldson, J. D. P. Francis, E. C. Krausnick, Bennett Wasser-mann, Richard Singer, W. C. Little and A. Increased Capitalization.

Increased Capitalization.

The stockholders of the Charter Oak Stove and Range Company met on the 10th inst., and authorized a doubling of the capitalization of the company, increasing it from 180,000 to \$500,000.

The increase was on account of the growing volume of business, which demanded more capital to carry it on. This is the second time within three years that this company has found it necessary to double their capital on account of the largely increased demand for their stoves and ranges. The Board of Directors of the company—William Duncan, G. D. Pana, A. C. Stewart, Theo, Hammond and L. D. Vogel-were re-elected, and later the same officers were chosen as have been serving.

HERBERS' DEATH ACCIDENTAL. The Coroners Jury at Clayton So Decides.

Coroner Armstrong of St. Louis County held an inquest yesterday afternon at Clayton over the body of Ben Herbers, who was killed early Wednesday morning at the intersection of the Midland tracks and the Hanley road. intersection of the Midland tracks and the Hanley road.

The jury returned a verdict that Herbers was killed by a St. Louis Transit car, but his employer, C. H. Docter, and his brother, who were present, are still dissatisfied and incline to the theory that Herbers was attacked by highwaymen who placed his body across the tracks to hide their crime. The head was laying over one of the rails and was badly mutilated by the car whell. From a mark near the left shoulder it was apparent that Herbers had been hit will be some sharp instrument. Overton Brothead, one of the jurors, questioned L. Mudd, the motorman of the car that r in over Herbers, and he said there was no inling on the trucks to wound him in such a manner.

manner.

Mr. Docter said that his wagon had been touched and that his horse was for before the accident was made known him. One of the motormen present he passed Herbers five minutes before was run over and that he was iying at

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Telegrams. Try us. Telephone Main side of the track. He cautioned him to go away, but Herbers replied that he knew his own business. Herbers was 28 years old. His body will be buried to-day from the home of his mother, No. 216 Chambers street.

MISSOURI'S FINE FRUIT CROP. Great Yield of Berries and Good Outlook for Apples. Two hundred cars of berries have been

shipped out of Southwest Missouri this summer, according to the statement of G. A. Atwood, editor of the Southwest, a fruit paper, published at Sprinsfield. The berries have brought at least 25 cents more a crate than they did last year.

"The apple crop will be 10 per cent," said Mr. Atwood. "This is a good showing. Last year the crop was not so plentiful. This year the apples promise to be much better both in taste and size. As an estimate of the number of barrels which will be groduced in Southwest Missouri this year, ithink 300,000 will not be too heavy. Besides this, Arkansas will do fully as well, if not better. There are many orchards all over that country which will bear this year for the first time." A. Atwood, editor of the Southwest, a fruit

Split-Second Watches For the races, start, stop and fly back, soild sliver and soild gold cases, from 545 to \$25, at Mermod & Jaccard's, BROAD-

WAY, cor. Locust. WIFE DEAD BY HIS SIDE.

Discovery Made by Husband When He Tried to Arouse Her. When George Sommers, a motorman on

the Suburban ratiroad, awoke yesterday morning and attempted to arouse his wife, Beulah M. Sommers, to get his breakfust for him, he was herrified to find her dead by his sile. his si.e. Sommers lives at No. 6168 Suburban avenue in St. Louis County. The physician that he called immediately summoned Coroner Armstrong of Webster Groves, who went to DeHodiamont and held an inquest, returning a verdict of death from heart discusse. ease.

Sommers said that when he retired the evening before his wife was in good spirits and apparently in good health. Mrs. Sommers was is years old. She leaves one chills.

SOLDIERS CAPTURE BRIDES.

Cupid's Warfare Engages the Attention of Two Troopers. W. J. Turner and Frank Hyle, soldiers stationed at Jefferson Barracks, captured two matrimonial prizes yesterday. Turner and Mary Vauck of No. 2829 Missouri avenue took out a license to wed and Kyle and Adeliue G. Eichelberger of No. California avenue also secured a marriag-license. Both of the men belong to the same troop of the Fifth Cavalry. They called at the marriage license office accompanied by their promised brides.

Signature Chart Hitches